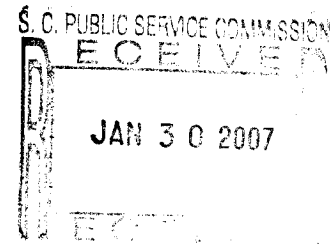


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Dear Mr. Terrent:

I am filing the following written comments to you in accordance with Docket No. 2005-385-E- Order No. 2006-680 on the consideration of implementing the requirements of Section 1251 (Net Metering and Additional Standards) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Please place me on record as supporting the federal government's plan for net metering. I take this position for the following reasons:

- 1) Our current reliance on fossil fuels (including coal, petroleum, and natural gas) is unsustainable in the long run. Net metering will encourage decentralized, renewable power generation.
- 2) Net metering has already been successfully implemented in 40 states and the District of Columbia.
- 3) Net metering provides a financial incentive, necessary to cause individuals to take the steps necessary to change the way we generate electricity. This should help to lower fossil fuel consumption and emissions.

For all of these reasons I strongly encourage the Public Service Commission to set net metering as the standard for the public utilities that it regulates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E.M. 'Bud' Skidmore". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

E.M. "Bud" Skidmore